

Education center upgrades classes

2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
Public affairs

The base education center recently unveiled its latest technological upgrade — a new interactive video classroom designed to combine distance and traditional learning components for students enrolled in undergraduate and master’s-level courses.

“We’re the first Air Education and Training Command base, and one of only a handful in the Air Force to offer an interactive classroom,” said Tom Chouinard, distance learning center manager.

The interactive classroom houses a variety of electronic equipment including four televisions, two on each side of the room, each displaying one of two images — the teacher presenting the lecture or the blackboard material itself.

In addition, the classroom features 10 microphones enabling students to ask questions during lectures and participate in live group discussions.

Furthermore, two video cameras allow teachers across the state to view Columbus AFB students while responding to their questions. These cameras may also be used to broadcast material back to the educational institution should a teacher decide to conduct a series of lectures from Columbus AFB.

A master’s degree in business administration from Mississippi State University is the first program underway, and an undergraduate course in accounting from Mississippi University for Women is scheduled for the fall semester.

The first MSU master’s level law and ethics course began June 26, and four Columbus AFB people are currently enrolled.

“Having the new classroom on base has made pursuing my master’s degree through MSU much more feasible,” said Capt. Nate Campbell, 14th Operations Support Squadron executive officer. “It saves me commuting time and makes it easier to balance school and work.”

The classroom is connected to the Mississippi Interactive Video Network and therefore harnesses the potential to connect to any higher learning institution in Mississippi.

Various degree programs from East Mississippi Community College, University of Mississippi and Delta State University are among the options currently being considered for participation, Mr. Chouinard said.

For more information, call Ext. 2562.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Col. David Armstrong, 14th Medical Group commander, congratulates Karron Cole (right), med group civilian of the quarter, as Darla Turan, 14th MDG, and Master Sgt. Marty Anderson, 14th MDG first sergeant, look on.

Colonel claims 14th Medical Group

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Editor

Col. David Armstrong assumed command of the 14th Medical Group from Col. Bryan Funke during a change of command ceremony Tuesday at Ceremonial Plaza.

Colonel Armstrong comes from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., where he was the 10th Medical Operations Squadron commander, and Colonel Funke is leaving to become the 35th Medical Group commander at Misawa AB, Japan.

Colonel Armstrong began his speech by telling the medical group he was very proud to join them.

“Colonel Funke led you very clearly, and kept people in the cockpit,” he said, whether the “cockpit” was filling a prescription at the pharmacy or in a T-37.

“We’re going to have a lot of fun,” he added. “I charge you all to have fun, and if not, see your supervisor and up the chain if you have to. We will enjoy the next two years. Thank you.”

Colonel Funke acknowledged some accomplishments before he said goodbye.

“When I came in, the clinic was a construction zone,” Colonel Funke said. “Now we have a very comfortable, inviting facility that is one of the best in the Air Force.”

We participated in the war efforts. When many [military treatment facilities] were turning people away, we kept up our operations. Hundreds of volunteers helped with storm cleanup when the tomado came through. Columbus deployers have supported Operation Iraqi Freedom, and several still are. We prepared for the Operational Readiness

Inspection, and inspectors claimed Columbus as the best wing inspected this year. And after attending my 32nd graduation, I’ve reflected on our training and the impact it’s had on the war and to the Air Force.”

“Team, I’m very proud of these accomplishments,” Colonel Funke said. “You should be too, because it was you, not I, who did this. Dave, I present you the finest group of medics around. Best wishes to you and your family.”

In July 1986, Colonel Armstrong entered military service as a reserve captain in the medical corps. He is a senior flight surgeon and is board certified as a family physician by the American Academy of Family Physicians and American Board of Osteopathic Family Physicians, and as a geriatric physician by the American Board of Osteopathic Physicians.

NCO earns Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Editor

A Columbus AFB NCO received a Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion June 30.

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Mott, 14th Flying Training Wing, was immediately promoted to master sergeant for his hard work and dedication to the Air Force mission.

“I was actually at a loss for words the first week it happened, but it definitely feels great to receive such a blessing,” Sergeant Mott said. “I’m extremely proud and humbled to know my commander and supervisors felt I was ready and deserved this increase in responsibility. “I’ve always heard and seen other people STEP promoted, and most of the time they’re some of the hardest working people I know. I’ve always tried to give my best and it’s an honor to be considered among that caliber of people.”

“Sergeant Mott is the hardest working and most professional NCO I’ve met — he’s usually in before everyone in the office, and he’s always the last one to leave,” said Capt. Andrea Misener, 14th FTW Commander’s Action Group chief. “He always gets the job done, no matter the cost.”

STEP promotions are given under strict

guidelines, with its primary intent to provide a means to promote exceptional airmen for compelling reasons, including unique circumstances. Selections are based on the recommendations of subordinate commanders or personal knowledge of the individual.

Each promotion must be warranted by clearly exceptional circumstances, and consideration should emphasize the degree the airman’s potential qualifies him or her for service in the higher grade.

The STEP promotion is awarded by wing and higher-level commanders. Award nominations and information review packages are submitted, and people are selected from the given criteria.

Sergeant Mott’s ceaseless dedication and devotion to mission accomplishment is nothing new, said Chief Master Sgt. Randy Auld, 14th FTW command chief.

“He was a critical link

for wing leadership immediately following Sept. 11, 2001,” Chief Auld said. “Superior performance, leadership and professionalism provide the crucial foundation for Sergeant Mott’s continued success.”

His above and beyond approach day in and

out have resulted in several distinguished accolades, including an NCO Academy Distinguished Graduate and the 14th FTW NCO of the Year for 2001.

“His performance and professionalism don’t and won’t stop here,” Chief Auld said.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Senior Airman Carrie Williams and Master Sgt. Kevin Mott, 14th Flying Training Wing, look over paperwork.

BRIEFS

Assignment night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-12 Assignment Night begins at 5 p.m. today at the Columbus Club.

Gate hours

The south gate begins new weekend hours Saturday. The hours are from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. This is on a test basis for gate usage, and incoming vehicles are counted. Call Ext. 7120.

Dorm dinner

The July enlisted dorm dinner begins at 5 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. Call Ext. 2500.

Correction

Chester Hutchins, 14th Communications Squadron, was incorrectly identified as Robert Sims on the community page of the July 2 edition of the Silver Wings.

Travel voucher signature

Effective Monday, supervisors or approving officials must sign Block 20c of all TDY travel claims for military people and civilians. Any travel claim submitted to the finance office without this signature is returned to the member. Call Ext. 2706.

International student spotlight

From: Mpumalanga Province, Waterval B, South Africa

What aircraft will you fly: Atlas Cheetah

What do you like about Columbus?: This place is very conducive for study and you can concentrate here.

The people are friendly and I enjoy the company of all the students.

I like the way the [Aviation Leadership Program] is presented. We cover a lot of flying aspects.

What do you miss about

home?: I miss my family and friends.

And I miss South African food. As a Ndebele, I eat a lot of corn meal as our main dish.



Atlas Cheetah

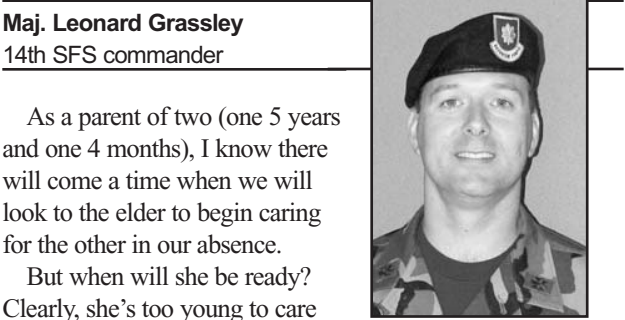


Maj. Chuck Boothe

2nd Lt. Jabu Kabini
Aviation Leadership Program

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker’s Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.

SFS commander reminds parents of home alone policy



Maj. Leonard Grassley
14th SFS commander

As a parent of two (one 5 years and one 4 months), I know there will come a time when we will look to the elder to begin caring for the other in our absence. But when will she be ready? Clearly, she’s too young to care for her infant sister now, but what about taking care of herself? Is she ready for that? She’s only 5, but she’s mature for her age, seems quite capable of following rules, has friends in the neighborhood and even knows how to call 9-1-1. What would be wrong with letting her come home on the bus, let herself in and wait for us to come home? We’d only be gone for an additional 30 minutes. Does this sound familiar? OK, maybe not for a 5-year-old, but how about your 6-, 7-, 8- or 9-year-old? Obviously, she’s nowhere close to handling this responsibility; but, as our children grow, these questions will no doubt become more difficult to answer. Latchkey kids are nothing new. In fact, the term actually was coined during the early 1800s when children were sent to school with their house key tied to a string around their neck.

Today, more and more children find themselves caring for themselves at home. We seem to have much busier lives now, more families than ever rely on dual income and child care can be expensive or unavailable. These challenges, and many others, will drive most of us to make decisions as to when children are mature enough to care for themselves, their siblings or even begin babysitting neighborhood children. While parents will make most of these decisions, here there are established guidelines that must be met. Columbus Air Force Base Instruction 34-801 outlines parental responsibilities and limitations for leaving your child alone. For a child to be left alone in the house for less than two hours, they must be at least 10 years old. For any time greater than two hours, they must be 11. Young adults may watch their brother or sister; but to do so, they must be at least 12 years old. To baby-sit others, they must be 14. Despite a parent’s confidence, or how mature a child acts, they are still a child. Emergencies can happen and children do make mistakes. Have you ever known an adult who does poorly in a tense or critical situation? While their age may have been of no consequence, the fact remains that in an emergency, we don’t all have the same abilities regardless of our maturity level. Fortunately, the family support center can help; they can provide information on home alone training and the Red Cross baby-sitting course. The age limits above are simply a starting point; it is

ultimately our responsibility as parents to make the right choices for our children. We know them best and are intimately aware of their strengths and weaknesses. Once we decide to allow our children to stay by themselves or care for another child, there a few key guidelines that should be considered:

- ❑ Have an emergency plan beyond just calling 9-1-1 and then practice. Consider having a small first aid kit and teach them how to use it.
- ❑ Have a neighbor or friend who’s available to help.
- ❑ Set rules and ensure they understand them.
- ❑ Make the home safe and teach children to lock doors.
- ❑ Spell out how time should be spent while you’re gone.
- ❑ Make frequent calls to check on them — leave a contact number or consider a cell phone.

While these are just a few guidelines, there may be others additionally important for your family. The key for success is to have a plan and to do everything possible to follow that plan. Make sure your children are comfortable staying at home alone or caring for a sibling, then make sure you’re comfortable with it also. Living on base has many advantages; convenience, safety and a general sense of family, just to name a few. When you finally do decide the time is right for your children, then enlist the help of your neighborhood “family” and together we can continue to provide a safe environment for all our children.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Skate park safety equipment, badges mandatory

Question: Thank you very much for bringing a skate park to our base. I have been skating full-size half pipes for 18 years and am ecstatic that my wife and I will be able to do what we love after work. In the 18 years I have been skating I've not had one serious injury. Skateboarding can be very dangerous and I have seen serious injuries over and over, even by those that wear kneepads, elbow pads and helmets. The most over-looked and important part of skating protection is wrist guards. If we don't enforce wrist guards as well as wear of helmets, knee and elbow pads, our clinic will be swamped with injured skaters. I am extremely excited and thankful for the arrival of the skate park and I just

fear the threat of its closure because of injuries due to lack of personal safety equipment. What protection will be mandatory and how is it enforced? Answer: I appreciate your concern for the safety of our future skate park patrons. Safety is our number one priority. We developed and are posting park usage guidelines, which include wearing skate park badges at all times while skating. To receive a badge, skaters must review safety guidelines, gear requirements and sign agreements stating they will abide by the rules. Gear required when we open the park will be knee guards, elbow guards and helmets. Wrist guards will be highly encouraged but not mandatory. To register to skate, parents must accompany

youth. Although parents will be responsible for the behavior and safety of their children, youth center personnel will be available for assistance and monitor the park for badge use during normal youth center hours. Adult skaters are responsible for their behavior and the behavior and safety of their guests. It will take the cooperation of each individual skater, parents, observers, and the entire BLAZE community to ensure injuries are minimized. We all need to work together responsibly to keep the new skate park in good condition and to keep all of our skaters safe, secure, and having good clean fun!

Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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‘We don’t need to lose people’ to accidents, Defense Department personnel chief asserts

Aviation and other types of serious accidents across the Department of Defense have gone up and the department’s senior leaders have vowed to do something about it. “Most accidents are preventable accidents,” said David Chu, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, in a June 27 interview. Mr. Chu, who’s leading DoD’s accident prevention effort, pointed to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s May 19 memorandum on the subject.

In his memo, Secretary Rumsfeld observed: “World-class organizations do not tolerate preventable accidents. Our accident rates have increased recently, and we need to turn this situation around.” The secretary then challenged DoD’s military and civilian leaders and rank and file “to reduce the number of mishaps and accident rates by at least 50 percent in the next two years.” These goals “are achievable,” Secretary Rumsfeld continued, “and will directly increase our operational readiness. We owe

no less to the men and women who defend our nation.” Military aviation accidents, Mr. Chu observed, have gone up. In fact, a recent DoD news release noted that 82 personnel died in aviation mishaps in fiscal 2002 — that’s 17 more fatalities than the previous year. Some accident prevention involves using common sense, Mr. Chu observed. For example, he noted, sailors should know it’s an unsafe practice to run across an aircraft carrier’s wet deck.

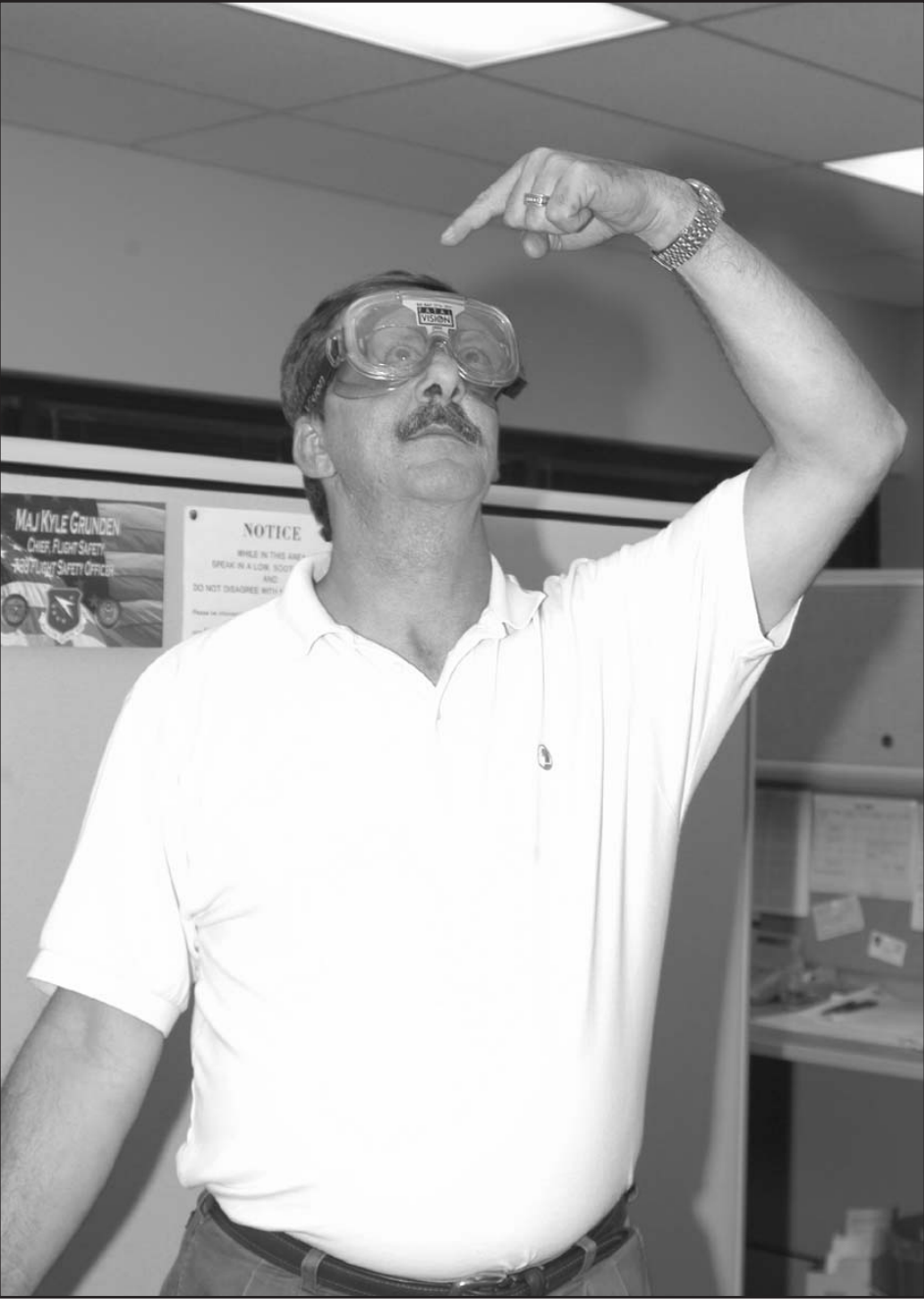
Mr. Chu also pointed out the department’s concern about fatalities and injuries caused by motor vehicle accidents involving military and civilians, on and off duty. Not drinking and driving, and using seat belts, he observed, can greatly reduce deaths and injuries caused from auto crashes. According to Theodore Zoska, 14th Flying Training Wing ground safety, people at Columbus AFB are continuously reminded of the Designated Driver Program that squadrons have. “The command post has a list of base people who will come and get you if you call for assistance,” Mr. Zoska said. “All you do is call Ext. 7020 for a ride and they will contact a driver to come get you. No adverse information is provided to your unit.”

A driver education program is also an ongoing event in all Columbus AFB units, Mr. Zoska said. “Almost everyone thinks, ‘Two or maybe three drinks will not impact my driving or motor skills,’” said Chester Hutchins, 14th Communications Squadron. “We had people drive wearing the goggles, then take the field sobriety test and walk the white line. This is when each saw how much the drinks affect their judgement and motor skills. Everyone laughed when the saw the cones hit, then they realized this could have been their car, a tree or maybe a loved one.” Military and civilians across DoD should know that the main goal of the accident-reduction campaign is to safeguard lives and prevent injuries, Mr. Chu pointed out, instead of focusing on losses of equipment. People, he asserted, come first. Mishaps kill and maim DoD’s people, Mr. Chu observed, thereby making the prevention of accidents “a serious issue.” Accidents, he continued, also negatively impact military operations through equipment damage and time-consuming investigations.

A DoD safety council — comprised of senior military and civilian leaders — has been formed, Mr. Chu noted. That group, he said, is studying methods, processes and strategies — including the implementation of best business practices — to reduce accident rates across the department in line with meeting the secretary’s goals. Also, servicemembers and civilian ideas on accident prevention — to include observations about dangerous types of equipment and gear — will be sought out and considered. The defense secretary’s desire to implement better accident-prevention practices across DoD has been a top goal since he took office, Mr. Chu remarked. He noted that he and the secretary want to bring about a sea change in the department’s attitude and culture regarding accident prevention. “We don’t need to lose people or to get people hurt ... these accidents are preventable,” Mr. Chu emphasized, adding, “our real goal is getting preventable accidents to zero.” (Courtesy of Defense Link News)

Driving safety tips

- ❑ Do not try to walk or drive through flood waters. They are dangerous and may be more powerful than you think.
- ❑ Never drink and drive. Each year, over 300,000 people are killed or injured in alcohol-related traffic accidents.
- ❑ Never leave your car engine running in the garage. It’s not only unsafe for someone in the garage, but also in the attached living space.
- ❑ Carbon monoxide can penetrate through any opening.
- ❑ Certain medications can cause drowsiness and inhibit your driving. Do not take them if you will be driving.
- ❑ Make sure your car is always properly tuned and in good working condition. An unsafe car can be dangerous.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Johnny Smith, 14th Flying Training Wing ground safety, tries to touch his nose while wearing goggles that simulate varying levels of intoxication.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

For the theater's grand re-opening, Saturday's movie is free. All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Today

"Bruce Almighty" (PG-13, some language, sexual content and crude humor, 101 min.)

Starring: Jim Carrey and Jennifer Aniston.

Saturday

"Finding Nemo" (G, 101 min.)
Animated.

July 18

"Matrix Reloaded" (R, violence and some sexuality, 137 min.)

Starring: Keanu Reeves and Lawrence Fishburn.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 1st Lt. Richard Blakewood for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News
Monday through July 18
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination

Program Tapes:

Intro to Management

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

School uniforms: The family support center has various sizes and styles of children's school uniforms available. People needing uniforms can pick them up until July 18. People donating uniforms can turn in donations until Monday. Call the center for more information.

Remote/deployed briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

Columbus School District information: Calendars and information on school uniforms are available at the center.

Additional information on registrations and policies is available at www.columbuscityschools.org.

PCS information: Permanent change of station moving guides, SITES books and automaps that are helpful when relocating are available at the center.

Discount books: Books full of discounts on hotels in other states, as well as information on many things to do in the local area and the state are available on the center's walls of information.

Free child care: Arriving and departing active-duty Air Force people can receive up to 20 hours of free child care per child with the Childcare for PCS program. Certificates are available within 60 days of departure or arrival.

WIC: The Women, Infants and Children program is available for pregnant women or for people with children under 5. Call the center for an appointment.

Self-paced learning: The family support center offers self-paced computer study programs in Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage and PhotoDraw in three levels of



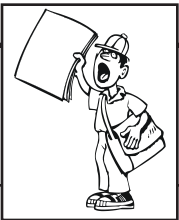
1st Lt. Richard Blakewood

Coffee Plantation open

Mary Miller, Coffee Plantation employee, and Jace Hunter, shop owner, serve 2nd Lt. Steve Freedman, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training student, at the Coffee Plantation in room 107 of the operations group building. The shop is now open from 6 to 11 a.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call Ext. 0101.

expertise. To improve your computer skills, call Mark Horning.

BASE NOTES



Thrift shop: The thrift shop is now open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays in Bldg. 345 beside the youth center. Volunteers are needed to help run the shop. Call 434-2954.

Induction ceremony: The senior NCO induction luncheon and ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m. July 18 at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$6.50 for club members and \$8.50 for non-club members. Call a first sergeant or Top 3 member to sign up.

Motorcycle safety class: A motorcycle safety class begins at 5:30 p.m. July 18 for the classroom portion and at 8 a.m. July 19 for the riding portion.

It is a one-time requirement for all active-duty, department of defense civilians and retired Columbus AFB motorcycle riders. Call Ext. 2497.

National Kids Day: The youth center hosts National Kids Day events Aug. 2.

The day begins with a family fun run or walk at 7:30 a.m. and will continue with games, an awards presentation and a barbecue. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Compost pilot program: This program begins Aug. 5 for 200 new family housing units.

Yard clippings in the new housing area can be placed curbside for pickup before 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Compost made from the clippings will be given to housing residents. For more information, call Ext. 7406.

CLEP exams: The following College Level Examination Program exams are no longer available for testing at the education center: Humanities (04910 and 04928), General Chemistry (26107), College Level German (75027), General Biology (18074), Western Civilization I & II (65048 and 66052).

The CLEPs are available at MSU for \$56 for everyone and aren't reimbursable for military people. There are other CLEPs, which can still satisfy requirements for Community College of the Air Force degree in these areas. Call Ext. 2562.

SERVICES SNAPSHOTS

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 61 numbers or less.

Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players. Call Ext. 2489.

Deejay LL: Deejay LL entertains beginning at 9 p.m. today at the enlisted lounge.

Youth center dance: The youth center hosts a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday. Teen members pay \$2 and nonmembers pay \$3.

Preteen members pay \$1 and nonmembers pay \$2. Preteens must depart by 9:30 p.m. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers this special brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$10.95 with club members receiving a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

Missoula children's theater: Auditions for parts in the Missoula children's theater production of "Red Riding Hood" are at 10 a.m. Monday at the youth center. The program is open to children in grades kindergarten through 12th grades.

They will perform at 3 p.m. July 19 at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

Ala carte menu: The Columbus Club features an ala carte menu for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Ext. 2489.

Scholarship deadline Tuesday: The club scholarship program deadline for submitting an essay and application is Tuesday.

Over \$25,000 in scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available at the Columbus Club. Call Ext. 2489.

Parents Day Out: Make reservations by Wednesday for Parents Day Out scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 19.

Cost is \$3 an hour per child and a nonrefundable \$5 deposit is required when making reservations. Call the center at Ext. 2479 for information or to reserve a space for your child.

Silver Star Casino trip: Information, ticket and travel offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino July 18.

The cost is \$15 and includes transportation and \$15 in coins. The next trip is Aug. 15. Call Ext 7861.

Tops In Blue: Tops In Blue performs a new show July 18 at the Mississippi University for Women's Rent-Whitfield Auditorium.

The doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Crafts classes: The skills development center offers adult and youth crafts classes. The adult classes include making a wooden flag July 23 or July 25 and a decorative seagrass mat July 30.

The youth classes include making a decorative bird bath July 24 and dominos July 31.

Register at least four days in advance to ensure all supplies are available. Call Ext. 7836.

Sign language classes: A certified

instructor teaches techniques in sign language at the youth center for a one-hour class per week.

Class I is for ages 6 to 10 and Class II is for ages 11 and older. Cost is \$40 per month. Call Ext. 2504.

Skate park opening: The new skate park located on the youth center's basketball court is scheduled to open July 23. People must register at the youth center prior to the opening in order to use the skate park. Call Ext. 2504.

Back to school swim party: Register by July 23 at the youth center for this program from 7 to 10 p.m. July 26. Music, food, fun and games are available. Cost is \$4 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2504.

Youth trip to Liberty Land: Register by July 25 at the youth center. for this trip July 30.

The bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. and will leave Memphis, Tenn. at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation and ticket to theme park. Call Ext. 2504.

Biloxi casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip Aug. 9. Cost is \$95 per person and includes one night's lodging and transportation. Call Ext. 7861.

White water rafting trip: Travel down the Ocoee River Aug. 23 to Aug. 25. Cost is \$125 per person and includes two meals, two nights lodging, transportation, guide service and river run.

Call the information, ticket and travel office at Ext. 7861 to register.

Pool snack bar extends menu: The pool's snack bar has added hamburgers, hot dogs and Slush Puppies to its menu. Call Ext. 2491.

Pet sitters needed: Anyone interested in providing pet care in their home can call Ext. 2387.

Family child care providers needed: Anyone interested in providing child care in their home on base should call the family child care office at Ext. 2486.

The family child care program accepts children, staff members and approves providers with chronic health problems. Providers may participate in the USDA food program.



Athena Brimer

CJ's open

Louella Anderson, services division chief, gets help with her order from Matt Trenary, CJ's co-owner/manager. CJ's is open from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday and is located in the community center. The restaurant features Italian cuisine such as pizza, pasta, salads and sandwiches. A pizza, salad and pasta buffet for \$6 is also offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Friday Call Ext. 3078.

Indian fair: The annual Choctaw Indian Fair is today to Saturday on the reservation in Philadelphia, Miss. Event features stickball tournaments, native American crafts and top entertainment with Montgomery Gentry Friday night and Blake Shelton with Clay Walker Saturday night. Visit www.choctawindianfair.com or call (601) 650-7450.

Art exhibit: The Columbus Arts Council now highlights 100 years of flight with a free exhibit that will run for two months. The exhibit features aviation art and showcases Columbus AFB’s long-term role as a pilot training base. For hours or for more information, call 328-2787.

New Dallas flight: Early morning non-stop jet service to Dallas/Ft. Worth is now available from Golden Triangle Regional airport. The flight departs at 8 a.m. daily with a return flight in the evening. GTRA has daily jet service to Atlanta as well. For best prices, reserve early. For reservations call (800) 221-1212 or book online at www.delta.com.

Annual tribute: The fourth annual John L. Cliett tribute featuring super late racing car models begins at 7:30 p.m. July 19 at Columbus Speedway. It is a 59-lap \$5,000 to win plus local division event. Grandstand cost is \$15 per person and pit passes are \$25 per person. Those 10 years old and younger are free when accompanied by

an adult. For more information, call (662) 241-5004.

Columbus tour: The Columbus Historic Foundation sponsors a historic bus tour of Columbus July 26, Aug. 16 and Sept. 6. All tours leave at 9 a.m. from the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center at 300 Main Street. The tour includes homes, churches, cemeteries and historic roadways in the three districts of Columbus on the National Register of Historic Places. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch at the Backdoor Restaurant. Souvenir tickets are available at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center. For more information, call Nancy Carpenter at (800) 920-3533 or Russell James at (662) 329-5300.

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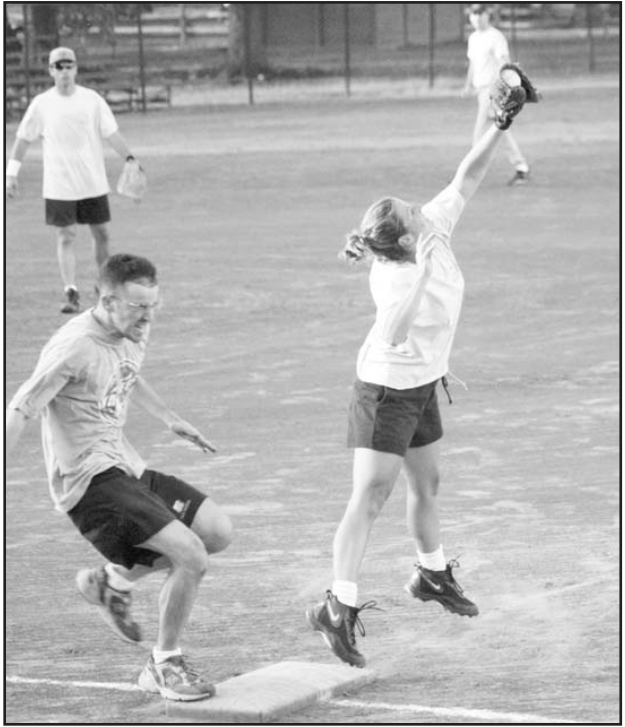
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50th #1 dealt first loss of season

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

The 48th took down the 50th #1 12-5 in intramural softball action Tuesday night. The 50th won the toss at home plate and took the field. The 48th wasted no time stacking three runs in the top



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Adam Silvan, 48th, is called safe at first in a close play with 50th #1 first baseman Shannon Griffiths in intramural softball action Tuesday on Field 1.

half of the first before a ground to short ended their at bat. The Snakes came up empty in the bottom half and the score stayed 3-0 after one.

After the 48th’s initial tallies, the game shifted to a defensive struggle for the next two innings, with the 48th killing a Snake-scoring threat in the second with a double play. In the third inning, the 48th tacked on one more and retired the 50th, leaving the score 4-0 in the 48th’s favor.

The fourth saw the 48th’s bats come alive again and added a five spot to the score. They also kept the defense tight, working the shutout into the 5th inning.

The Snakes struck in the bottom of the fifth with heavy bats and smart base running. They put five runs on the board, ending the 48th’s shutout, and setting the stage for a late comeback with the score now 9-5.

Both teams went quietly in the 6th taking the game down to the wire.

The 48th put up three more insurance runs in the top of the seventh, and the Snakes went one-two-three on the bottom to end the game 12-5.

Darryl Goodwin, 48th coach, said the game was a good comeback after losing to the 50th’s sister team 50th #2 Monday night.

“We have a good team and a good pitcher,” he said. “Brian Henderson pitched every game last year and all our games so far. It makes a difference to have a dedicated pitcher.”

“We have a lot of our team TDY right now,” said 50th #1’s coach Duane Griffiths. “We had to start with nine players. It’s tough to cover the outfield with only three people.”

When asked about the Snakes’ chances to go all the way to the championship, Griffiths said, “If our players show, we have a good chance to go all the way.”



Courtesy photo

Intramural tennis finals

Capt. Lex Cloutier, 48th Flying Training Squadron, shakes hands with 1st Lt. Logan Sisson, 14th Operations Support Squadron, after defeating him 6-1, 6-1 in the intramural tennis finals June 20.

Softball standings

The following are the intramural standings as of Wednesday.

Teams	Wins	Losses
DynCorp	9	1
14th OSS #1	6	1
50th FTS#1	5	1
14th CES #1	7	2
48th FTS	4	2
50th FTS #2	3	2
43rd FTS	3	3
14th CS	3	6
14th MSS	3	6
14th MDG	3	6
14th SFS	3	6
14th CES #2	2	7
37th/41st FTS	1	4
14th OSS #2	1	6

SHORTS

Junior golf clinic

Whispering Pines Golf Course offers this two-week clinic that meets at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Monday to July 25. Cost is \$54.95 for the first-time student, which includes clubs. There is a reduced price for those students who already have clubs. Call Ext. 7932.

Frozen yogurt fun run

A 1.5-mile walk or a 5K run begins at 8 a.m. July 18. Each participant receives a coupon for a free frozen yogurt from the bowling center. Door prizes are also offered. Contestants of all ages are welcome. Call Ext. 2773.

No-tap bowling

This event begins at 7 p.m. July 18. People can sign up by 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Future no tap dates are Aug. 15 and Sept. 19. Call Ext. 2426.

Challenger British soccer camp

Ages 6 to 16 can register today for this camp that runs July 21 to July 25. It offers one-and-one-half hour sessions for novice players, three-hour sessions for older more experienced players and teams and an advanced six-hour camp for competitive players and teams.

During the camp, the training staff holds a free daily coaching clinic for parents and coaches at the soccer fields. The clinics are from 8 to 11 a.m. for coaches and parents of 6- to 10-year-olds and 5 to 8 p.m. for coaches and parents of 11- to 16-year-olds and will cover such areas as organization of practices, technical and tactical drills, systems of play and more.

Cost is \$87 with \$5 off for the first sibling, \$10 off for the 2nd and so on. Cost includes a T-shirt and soccer ball. To register, stop by the youth center. A late fee will be applied if payment is made after today. Call Ext. 2903.

Youth flag football

Registration for youth flag football ends July 31 and the season begins Aug. 11. The sport is open to ages 5 and up. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2504 or 2903.